We wish to provide a courtesy notification of the submission to the Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors (Board) of a request to approve up to \$13.85 million in FY 2004 MCC program funds for the Albania Threshold Program. The Board approved the Albania Threshold Program on February 8, 2006.

MCC's Threshold Program is designed to assist Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) candidate countries that are committed to undertaking the reforms necessary to improve their policy performance and potentially qualify as countries eligible for MCA Compact assistance.

Threshold Program assistance will be used to help fund Albania's three specific initiatives aimed at reforming tax administration, public procurement and business administration.

The attached summary outlines the Albania Threshold Program. Members of MCC's staff are available to meet with you to discuss the planned program. If you or your staff would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Mackenzie Coon at (202) 521-3850. The attached summary is being sent to the Congress on February 16, 2006.

Sincerely,

Frances C. McNaught Vice President Congressional and Public Affairs

Enclosure: As stated